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APRIL 15, 2008

A coalition of concerned public health, community, and business organizations have joined together to observe **National Infant Immunization Week and Toddler Immunization Month** as designated by the United States Department of Health & Human Services and Center for Disease Control and Prevention to increase awareness for the benefit, importance, and safety of immunizations.

Immunizations are safe and effective. It is also the best way to protect infants and young children, their families, and the communities in which they live against serious and sometimes deadly vaccine-preventable diseases. Infants and young children still suffer from diseases such as pertussis, chickenpox, and measles, which can be prevented by recommended childhood immunizations.

Approximately one out of five children in Los Angeles County have not received all recommended immunizations by 24 months of age and children in certain ethnic groups are less likely to have received recommended immunization, leaving them at greater risk for illness. Free and low-cost immunizations are available to infants and young children throughout Los Angeles County.

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I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Proclaim **the week of April 19 - 26, 2008 as “National Infant Immunization Week”** throughout Los Angeles County and encourage parents, healthcare providers, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders to help our children, families, and communities to stay on track for a lifetime of good health by encouraging timely immunizations from birth.

I, FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Proclaim **the month of May 2008 as “Toddler Immunization Month”** throughout Los Angeles County and encourage parents, healthcare providers, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders to help our children, families, and communities to stay on track for a lifetime of good health by encouraging timely immunizations from birth.

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